



International Association for Society and Natural Resources

# Keeping in Touch

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## Notes From the Executive Director

When I received Joan's gentle reminder that the text for the Director's Corner is due, it hit me that this is the last time that I have the opportunity to write to you all in this capacity. The occasion also led me to reflect on what a wonderful group of people I have been able to work with in this organization over the years and especially during my four years as Executive Director. Space does not allow me to name everyone, but I do want to say that Jessica Burk and Paulus Mau are two of the finest folks any association could hope to have on board. Their dedication to IASNR and their hard work have amazed me on a daily basis. I quite literally do not know how I could have done this job without them. I would also be remiss if I failed to say that Gene Theodori and Joan Brehm have been the best colleagues and partners imaginable to have as fellow executive officers. We as an organization have also been blessed with excellent Council members these past years. I want to thank each and every one of them for their service to us all. I also want to thank the excellent editorial teams that have built on the already fine reputation of SNR. We are all in their debt for the hard work on a journal of which we can all be very proud.



Another group that also deserves thanks and recognition are our local conference organizers from Hannover Germany, Charleston South Carolina, Houghton Michigan and Umeå Sweden. I am very proud of the four conferences we put on during our term and the credit must go to both the local organizers along with Jessica and Paulus. Thanks to Jessica and Paulus we now have a pretty well-oiled machine for putting on the annual ISSRM but the effort of local organizers is critical and I am very grateful for all the effort that was put into those excellent conferences.

I also want to say a special word about our student leaders and our student members in general. There is no group among us of whom I am prouder than our students. Their energy, talents, and willingness to support our organization are a wonder to behold. Our student organiza-

tion is among the strongest elements of IASNR. We all have great reason to be so proud of our student members.

I do not want to go on and on about all we as an organization have accomplished over the past four years, but I think it is fair to say that we have built on the legacy of Don Field, Rabel Burdge, Rick Krannich and others to further expand and professionalize, our operations and activities without losing our egalitarian ethos. This is reflected in our revised bylaws, our new operations manual, and the enhanced committee structure we have put in place. All of these accomplishments are the result of hard work by officers, council members, and ordinary members (including students) who have given generously of their time and talents.

Finally, I want to say that being Executive Director of IASNR has been one of the great privileges of my life. I want to thank all who have supported our efforts these past four years and I wish all the best to Kathy Halvorsen, Courtney Flint, and Zhao Ma into whose capable hands the leadership of the association now passes. I have never been more optimistic about the future of IASNR. I look forward to seeing you all in Utah!!!

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## Letters from the 2018 Incoming Executive Officers

Dear IASNR members:

I am honored and excited to start serving as your new Executive Director taking office in January 2018 with new officers Courtney Flint as Treasurer and Zhao Ma as Secretary, working with our new and continuing Council members. I look forward to working with all of you toward making IASNR even better than the great organization it is today.

We have had a valuable transition this year sitting in on this year's Council meetings and learning about current issues and discussions. I thank all our hardworking current officers: Executive Director Matt Carroll, Secretary Joan Brehm, and Treasurer Gene Theodori. Their leadership has ensured that we will step into managing a strong and healthy organization.

I will be talking to many of you over the coming years to learn what you think IASNR is doing well and where we can improve. I would like to work with our Executive Officers and Council to continue to build a more truly international organization and to craft an even more strategic budgeting process to achieve our goals at this pivotal time in IASNR's history.

You can keep track of IASNR, ISSRM, Society and Natural Resources, and member activities by liking IASNR on Facebook and following @info\_iasnr on Twitter. And if you have a new publication or project you'd like us to share via social media, please let us know!

I hope to see you at ISSRM 2018 at Snowbird, Utah, USA - the Utah State organizers have worked hard to create an amazing conference! I welcome your thoughts for future directions for IASNR, please feel free to approach me at ISSRM 2018 or email me at [kehalvor@mtu.edu](mailto:kehalvor@mtu.edu).

Thank you again,  
Kathy Halvorsen

Hello Everyone:

The IASNR Treasury is currently being transferred smoothly from Gene Theodori in Texas to me here in Logan, Utah where I am on the faculty at Utah State University. I am happy to work with Jessica Burk from the IASNR Office to support the organization's financial wellbeing and to serve as IASNR Executive Officer. I look forward to seeing many of you here in Utah for ISSRM 2018 and at future meetings. Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Best wishes,  
Courtney Flint  
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Dear IASNR members:

I am honored and excited to start my term in January 2018 as an IASNR Executive Officer and Secretary. As part of my new role, I will be serving as a co-chair of the IASNR Communications Committee, working to ensure a strong public relations presence of IASNR, including between members and the Council/Executive Committee, among members, and between the organization and the general public.

The 2007 ISSRM in Park City, Utah was my first professional and first ISSRM conference. I cannot wait to go back to Utah next year for the 24th ISSRM. Over the past 10 years, I have experienced tremendous professional and personal development, and much of my learning has come from colleagues and friends whom I met through IASNR and ISSRM. As I look into the next few years, I feel a strong sense of commitment and responsibility to help others in IASNR to have a great experience just like what I had as a member and to help those who have not been involved in IASNR or ISSRM to recognize the value of our organization and become involved.

Please feel free to let me know how I can better support the need of our organization and YOU in my new role! I very much look forward to working with Kathy Halvorsen as our new Executive Director and Courtney Flint as our new Treasurer, and to furthering the great effort made by our current Executive Officers, Matt Carroll, Joan Brehm, and Gene Theodori. Please join me and others in growing our organization so that more environmental and natural resource social scientists, students, and practitioners around the world would call us their home organization.

Thank you!  
Zhao Ma

# Elections Committee

Submitted by Tom Fish:

The last election resulted in three new IASNR Executive Officers – Kathy Halverson (Michigan Tech), Executive Director; Courtney Flint (Utah State U.), Treasurer; and Zhao Ma (Purdue U.), Secretary; three new professional Council members – Steve Daniels (Utah State U.), Rich Stedman (Cornell U.), and Carena van Riper (U. Illinois Urbana-Champaign); and Ann Junod (The Ohio State U.) as the new Student-Representative Elect. Congratulations! to these newly elected individuals, who will begin their official duties on January 1st.

Service on the IASNR Council provides opportunities for members to contribute substantially to current and future directions of the organization. IASNR relies on this group of dedicated individuals to bring their knowledge, experience, energy, and ideas together to provide leadership over the coming years.

Elections will be held in early 2018 for four positions – three professional Council positions and the Student Representative-Elect. The term of service for IASNR Council positions is three years for professional Council positions and two years for stu-

dent representative, with official duties beginning on January 1st of the year after election. Watch for the call for IASNR Council nominations ...coming soon!

The Elections Committee is responsible for overall coordination of the IASNR election process, working closely with the executive officers and IASNR staff. The committee includes a Council member as chair, the Student Representative, and at least one additional IASNR member. Several members of the current Elections Committee will be cycling off over the next year, so we encourage any members interested in serving on the committee to please get in touch.

Inquiries regarding nominations, elections, or committee service should be directed to the Elections Committee chair (c/o Tom\_Fish@nps.gov).

~IASNR Council Elections Committee  
Tom Fish, Shawn K. Olson-Hazboun, Eick von Ruschkowski

# Society & Natural Resources Journal

Submitted by Linda Prokopy:

Since taking over the helm of Society and Natural Resources on July 1, we are committed to making the journal the leading outlet for high caliber social science research that is at the interface of society and natural resources. To do this, we are undertaking several initiatives, including: 1) To reduce review times at the journal, we are adding to our outstanding team of Associate Editors and we are creating a separate Editorial Board. Members of the editorial board will commit to reviewing 10 papers a year for the journal. Our vision is that each paper that is reviewed by the journal will be reviewed by two outside reviewers and one member of the editorial board; 2) We have issued a call for new special issues and are moving forward with a special issue on Innovative Research Methods; 3) We are developing a communication strategy to disseminate research published in the journal; and 4) To further help authors determine whether SNR is the right journal for their paper, we have refined SNR's aims and scope.

## New Aims and Scope

Society and Natural Resources publishes cutting edge social science research that advances understanding of the interaction between society and natural resources. Social science research is extensive and comes from a number of disciplines, including sociology, psychology, political science, communications, planning, education, and anthropology. We welcome research from all of these disciplines and interdisciplinary social science research that transcends the boundaries of any single social science discipline. We define natural resources broadly to include water, air, wildlife, fisheries, forests, natural lands, urban ecosystems, and intensively managed lands. While we welcome all papers that fit within this broad scope, we especially welcome papers in the following four important and broad areas in the field:

1. Protected area management and governance
2. Stakeholder analysis, consultation and engagement; deliberation processes; governance; conflict resolution; social learning; social impact assessment
3. Theoretical frameworks, epistemological issues, and methodological perspectives
4. Multiscalar character of social implications of natural resource management

We look forward to reviewing papers from IASNR members in the coming months!

Editors in Chief: Tasos Hovardas & Linda Prokopy



# 2018 ISSRM: Snowbird, Utah

Submitted by: Jordan Smith

The [2018 International Symposium on Society and Resource Management \(ISSRM\)](https://www.snowbird.com) will be held June 17-21 at the Snowbird Ski and Summer Resort in the Wasatch Mountains of northern Utah. Located just 30-minutes drive from the Salt Lake City International Airport, Snowbird is an easily-accessible, family-friendly, and stunningly beautiful conference venue! Information on the resort and the many on-site summer recreation activities can be accessed at [www.snowbird.com](https://www.snowbird.com). In addition to the amazing scenery and outdoor amenities offered immediately around the conference venue, Snowbird also provides easy access to many major U.S. National Parks and National Monuments – ten National Parks are located within a day's drive or less!

## Highlights of the 2018 ISSRM

- A keynote address by Jamie Redford, co-founder of The Redford Center, an organization addressing social and environmental issues through relatable stories, impact films, and campaigns that lead to positive change.
- A screening of the film *Happening*, produced by The Redford Center and premiering on HBO later this year, which focuses on the economic and social benefits of clean energy.
- Additional keynote addresses by renowned tropical ecologist Nalini Nadkarni and environmental sociologist Tom Dietz.
- Pre- and post-conference field trips to some of the central Wasatch mountains' most spectacular summer outdoor recreation destinations.





### Call for Organized Session Proposals

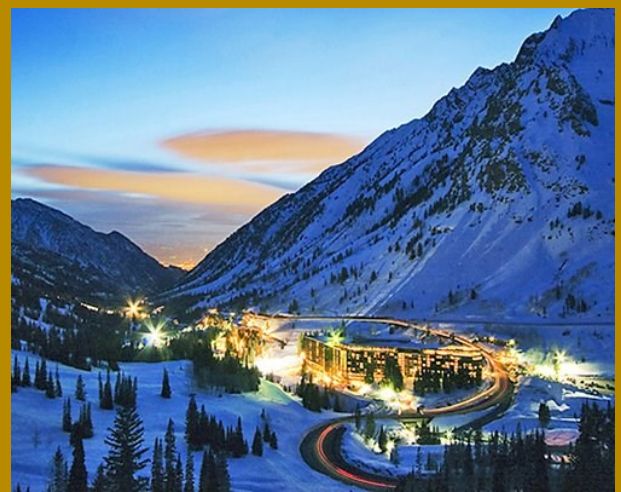
Proposals for Organized Panels, Paper Sessions, Book Review Sessions, and Workshops for ISSRM 2018 are now being considered! Proposals pertaining to the interactions between social and ecological systems are welcome. The deadline for submission of proposals is December 1, 2017 at midnight (Mountain Standard Time). Organized Sessions are an opportunity to bring together a group of scholars to present and discuss work focusing on a particular integrative theme or topic. These sessions can be structured in multiple ways including:

- A collection of 3-5 thematically-linked oral presentations (with or without a discussant)
- A panel of experts on a given topic
- A roundtable discussion
- An author-meets-critics session
- A workshop/training activity.
- Or, you can propose your own idea!

Panels and paper sessions will last 75 to 90 minutes. Organizer(s) should recruit and receive commitments from participants in advance of proposal submission, and include details regarding who will participate and what they will be doing as part of the session proposal.

Please submit your organized session proposal electronically through the [ISSRM 2018 webpage](#).

More information regarding individual oral presentation and poster presentation abstracts will be available December 1<sup>st</sup>. The deadline for individual paper presentations and posters will be February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018.





# 2017 ISSRM: Umeå, Sweden



The local organizing team: Camilla Sandström, Carina Keskitalo, and Linda Lundmark

The 2017 ISSRM conference which was held in Umeå, Sweden, focused on the theme of Contested Spaces: Bridging Protection and Development in a Globalizing World. The conference theme problematized the relationship between protection and development that is central to the society and resource management nexus. It also aimed to place local development and protection debates in the context of globalization and urbanization. We in the Local Organizing Team were pleased to have received more than 440 participants from 42 countries, presenting their work and listening to others in almost 60 organized paper and panel sessions in a wonderful summer setting. The conference also saw keynotes from renowned researchers and practitioners such as Neil Adger, Leela Hazzah, and Björn Kaltenborn. We are grateful for the opportunity to hold the conference and wish the best for next year's conference in Utah!

Thanks from the Local Organizing Team for ISSRM 2017!



Photo: 2017 ISSRM Quiz Bowl Winning Team: Mysha Clarke (Purdue University), Keri Iles (Purdue University), Anne Junod (Ohio State University), and Joshua Fergen (Ohio State University)



Photo: 2017 ISSRM Young Professionals Event

## Site Selection Committee: 2019 and 2020 ISSRM

The ISSRM Site Selection Committee is pleased to announce the locations of the 25th and 26th ISSRM. The dates for the 2020 symposium are being finalized and will be announced soon.

The 25th ISSRM will be hosted by the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, from June 1-6, 2019. The proposed symposium theme is “Sustainability and the Land Ethic in the Anthropocene: ‘A Thinking Community’ Explores Critical Issues in Leopold’s Backyard.” Symposium co-chairs include Paul Van Auken and Brian Kermath.



Cairns, Australia, has been selected as the location of the 26th ISSRM, which will be held in June 2020. The proposed symposium theme is “Re-creating Landscape and Culture in a Time of Global Change.” Symposium co-chairs include Thomas Measham and Stewart Lockie.

More information on the 2019 and 2020 ISSRM will be forthcoming.

As always, the Site Selection Committee is actively seeking host institutions for future symposiums.

### Who to Contact:

If you have questions about the Symposium, the preparation of the proposal, or wish to express interest in preparing a proposal, please contact any member of the ISSRM Site Selection Committee:

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# Student Affairs Committee

Greetings, and welcome to a new school year! We are very excited to kick off this year as your student representatives for IASNR. The Student Affairs Committee (SAC) serves as the student voice to the organization and serves student members by providing student services, facilitating student involvement, and connecting student members with various resources and building professional networks. Our organization has an active student membership, with 162 student members and 7 Student Chapters.

We aim to provide an organization where students are actively engaged and accessing resources we can provide to help build connections and grow professionally. We are a team of students and we do not exist without the participation and voice of student members like yourself. Below are some of the ways that you can get involved in the Student Affairs Committee and communicate your needs/desires as student members of this organization. We encourage and support your involvement and feedback!

## ***Upcoming events sponsored by SAC:***

**What:** Complimentary webinar “Using NVivo as a Qualitative Research Tool” presented by Ann Rose of QSR International

**When:** Wednesday November 1, 2017 EDT.

If you would like to incorporate NVivo into your coursework or take your research to the next level, this can be a great resource! More information about registration and the webinar will be announced shortly.

## **Get involved in the SAC!**

In just a few weeks, we will be sending out an email soliciting your involvement in the SAC. We are looking for student members who are interested in working on one of our four subcommittees: Communication, Collaboration, Professional Development, and Quiz Bowl.

Last year’s ISSRM in Sweden was a success because of the students who helped to plan the various events. We extend huge thanks to last year’s Student forum committee members (Jennifer Dunn – Michigan Technological University, Lauren Dupey – Utah

State University and Jeremiah Asaka – University of Massachusetts Boston). We are very appreciative that these students joined the committees and we hope you will consider also joining our team! It is minimal time commitment with great benefits to yourself, other students and the growth of the organization. Next year’s ISSRM 2018 will be in Salt Lake City, Utah and there are many opportunities to get involved. Be on the lookout for an email – you can also request to be involved with the SAC by emailing Mysha at [clarke15@purdue.edu](mailto:clarke15@purdue.edu). Being a part of the SAC is an excellent way to engage with the organization, build your network, and add a “service” item to your resume or CV.

Are you interested in forming a student chapter at your university? If so, you can find more information online (from the IASNR homepage, click on “About IASNR and our journals” or follow this link: [http://www.iasnr.org/?page\\_id=124](http://www.iasnr.org/?page_id=124) ). On this page we provided templates you can use to create chapter constitutions and by-laws, as well as an application form to apply to become a student chapter. Existing student chapters will need to complete and submit Application Renewable forms by June 30<sup>th</sup> each year. For more information, please contact Mysha Clarke at [clarke15@purdue.edu](mailto:clarke15@purdue.edu).

## ***What are your needs as a student member?***

We committed to providing professional and academic resources to student members, both during the annual meeting and throughout the year. If you have any particular resources you would like to see made available, or if you have ideas for something that would be useful to you and other students (such as a webinar or workshop on a certain topic), please email these ideas to [clarke15@purdue.edu](mailto:clarke15@purdue.edu).

Thanks, and we look forward to being in touch as the year unfolds!

SAC student representatives 2017/2018:

Shawn Olson-Hazboun, Utah State University  
Mysha Clarke, Purdue University  
Anne Junod, Ohio State University



## A Word from a Few Student Chapters

### Student Chapters

Our student chapters are doing wonderful work on their campuses in their communities. We have some updates from the Student Chapter at Utah State University and North Carolina State University.

*“Here at Utah State University, the Student Organization for Society and Natural Resources (SOSNR) is just getting back to school. We finished off last school year (May 2017) with some Boy Scout education in the USU Mobile Art Truck (Picture 1), and some hiking along Crimson Trail (Picture 2). As the next semester begins we look forward to expanding our influence in the agriculture college and hopefully business college, while continuing to advocate for important issues, connect with nature, and educate people about pressing environmental issues. Sorry we do not have anything new to add from summer, but I think that is just how it goes when dealing with a school club.”*

– Frank De Jong, President, SOSNR, Utah State University



Photo showing USU providing Boy Scout education in the USU Mobile Art Truck

*“This past spring (well, spring, for North Carolina!), IASNR at NC State held our annual clean-up around Lake Raleigh, a small lake on campus. We collected seven bags of trash and four bags of recycling. Among the trash treasures that were found include a cooler, lawn furniture, and, ironically, several reusable grocery bags. In April 2017, the NC State Student Chapter of IASNR held*



*their annual plant sale to raise money for events and merchandise to advertise the group. From succulents to squash seedlings, this sale has it all!”*

– Rachel Szczytko,  
President, IASNR  
Student Chapter,  
North Carolina State  
University

Photo showing IASNR at NC State Secretary, Devon, and Vice President, Malorey wait for their first plant-sale customers. From succulents to green beans to wildflowers, the plant sale had something for everyone!



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**We Look Forward to Seeing Everyone  
at the  
2018 ISSRM!**